

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2014

Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance was said, a Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing any public comment regarding proposed Local Law # 5 of 2014, amending Local Law # 2 of 2002, the Town of Hounsfield Zoning Law. Supervisor Scee explained that the changes to the Zoning Law refer to the Arterial Corridor Overlay. There are proposed changes to the size of the overlay, size of lots for business and residential, and size of road frontage for business and residential. These sizes have been reduced. Jefferson County Planning department determined there is no significant impact on the area. Questions were answered by the Zoning Officer and the hearing was closed at 7:08.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order.

Members present were Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Richard Young, and C'man Carson Lennox.

Attorney David Renzi was present to review the SEQR analysis of the environmental impact for Local Law #5 of 2014 with the Board.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution # 14-16, to amend Local Law #2 of 2002 and adopt Local Law #5 of 2014 amending restrictions in the Arterial Corridor Overlay. In a roll call vote, C'man Lennox voted aye, C'man Farrington voted aye, C'man Lee voted aye, C'man Young voted aye and Supervisor Scee voted aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Renzi and the Board discussed an issue of back taxes due on a small property that the Town once owned. Years ago the Town purchased this parcel, sold this parcel to an individual and then in a few years she sold it to someone else. At the time of the last sale there were back taxes owed but not discovered at the time of the sale. These back taxes have been accruing penalties for 16 years and now the owner wants the Town to forgive these taxes which are approximately \$921. A discussion was held by the Board and Mr. Renzi and a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee to table the decision on this to gather a little more information on the request. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the minutes of this Board from the meeting held on November 5, 2014. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that correspondence he received included a letter from Jefferson County with a list of all properties in the county that will be auctioned if not paid.

The Supervisor's Report was read: Total receipts \$208,812.52, Total disbursements \$209,333.18, Total cash in bank \$216,341.77, and Total investments \$500,000. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay bills in abstract #12, vouchers #695-772, which was presented: General Fund A \$20,548.76, General Fund B \$1,494.80, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$4,500, Highway Fund A \$30,819.69, Highway Fund B \$15,110.76, Water Dist. 2 \$8,861.29, Water Dist. 5 \$2,380.31, Water Dist. 1 \$87.00, Water Dist. 4 \$2,742.14, Water Dist. 3 \$88,765.57, Abstract Total \$175,310.32 All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting.

C'man Young reported that Hay Memorial Library held a Board meeting and wanted to convey to the Town Board that they are grateful for the support from the Town. The Economic Development Committee will hold a meeting on 12/11 at 8am. C'man Young also reported that he has received emails about the cost of legal representation for the law suite with Schwerzmann & Wise, and about the records involved for the payment of vacation time and personal time which was approved to add to the retirement of Bruce Alcombrack. Supervisor Scee responded that those are all items that can be requested by F.O.I.L.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and a draft of the proposed budget for 2015 was given to the Board.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meetings and a meeting will be set up with the Village, Town and Fire Dept. to discuss the issue with ambulance service. Supervisor Scee said that he will invite Charlie Brennan from Jefferson County EMS to attend this meeting also.

The Highway Superintendent was not present but he submitted a written report to the Board.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to advertise to receive bids on repairs to the building at Lakeside Cemetery. The Highway Superintendent will make a list of needed repairs and the bids will be opened at the regular January meeting. All ayes. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve a water credit of \$85 for account # 3014 in district 5 because a permanent disconnect has been done and they were billed in error. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #14-17 to repeal Local Law #3 of 2014 (2% tax cap override). All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Quotes were provided to the Board for surveillance cameras for the pump station (\$1400) and the recycling center (\$1600) and for the landfill it was suggested to go with a good quality field camera. Attorney Renzi will be asked to work on a local law to prosecute trash violators.

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At this time the floor was opened for comments. A comment was made about zoning and the floor was closed.

The Board scheduled a year end meeting of the Town Board for December 31, 2014 at 2 pm.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay attorney fees for 2014 by the end of the year to Paul Shanahan and Attorney Cirando in a total amount of \$14,346. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk